GLOSSARY

**acculturation** The process of interaction between two societies in which the culture of the society in the subordinate position is drastically modified to conform to the culture of the dominant society

**affinal** related by marriage

**agnate** A kinsman related in the male line of descent, i.e., patrilineally

**am** arrow

**amitate** The complex of special behaviour patterns governing relations between a child and its father's sister

**apaia** Thakuram or mother goddess

**avunculate** The complex of special relations between a mother's brother and his sister's child

**barik** Watchman of saora tribal village

**bhadi** A wooden platform raised in the first room under the roof for storing purposes

**bilateral descent** The system of kinship structure in which an individual belongs equally to the kindred of both parents

**birnda** a family descended from an ancestor from three to four generations

**buyya** Saora village priest

**cabooleat** An agreement

**caste** An endogamous social group, usually linked with a specific occupation.

**cholam** Watered rice

**clan** A unilineal kinship group that maintains the fiction of common genetic descent from a remote ancestor, usually legendary or mythological

**collateral** kinship relations which are identified across a generation level rather than by lineal descent

**componential analysis** A method of determining the units of classification used in cultural system
consanguine Kinsmen who are related by descent rather than marriage Literally blood relatives
dalli basket made of bamboo strings
ding-ding bor marriage by capture
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double descent The existence of a maternal and paternal descent system side by side within the same culture
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ego In kinship analysis, the person who is used as the reference point for identification of kinship relations and terms

endogamy The rule that requires a person to marry within a given social group of which he is a member

fetish An object that is revered because it is believed to house a supernatural power

filiation The culturally determined tie between parent and offspring

gangass A tribe who works in brass metal

ghat A landing place on the bank of river

gomanga Civil head of Saora village

guar Second funeral rite

handi Earthen pot

idasum Underworld

idital Saora drawings or paintings on the wall

incet Sexual contact between persons who are members of the same culturally defined kinship group

janjnagli pu Money paid for taking away the girl or bride price

karjya The last funeral rite of Saora

khadu Brass bangles

kittung God
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<td>levirate</td>
<td>The marriage of a woman to her deceased husband’s brother</td>
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<td>lineage</td>
<td>A unilineal kinship group that traces descent from a known common ancestor, who lived not more than five or six generations back</td>
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<td>matrilineal</td>
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<td>menhir</td>
<td>A pillar of stone where the offerings are made to the deceased</td>
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<td>menerah</td>
<td>The practice of human sacrifice</td>
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<td>neolocal</td>
<td>The practice in which the newly married couple establish a new household in a locality other than those of their parents</td>
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<td>patrilineal</td>
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<td>podu</td>
<td>The hill slope clearings where seeds are sown on ashes after burning branches, leaves and herbs</td>
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<td>sannapuradam</td>
<td>Little soul</td>
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<td>Shaman</td>
<td>A religious specialist who has received his power directly from supernatural sources</td>
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<td>stall</td>
<td>a jungle creeper with large leaves which is used for domestic purpose</td>
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sorrorate  The practice whereby a younger sister marries the widowed husband of her deceased elder sister

Suddapuradam  Big soul.

sundi  a cast os liquor trader

sunum  God or deity

susidong  small hair pin

teknonymy.  the practice of addressing an adult after the name of its child, and vice versa

totem  An object, often an animal or plant, held in special regard by an individual or social group

unilineal  Pertaining to descent through one parent only

vnrlocal  Pertaining to the practice whereby married couples settles in the domicile of the husband’s family

yanaongbot  Marriage by step mother to her step son after the death of the father

yangdamabot  Marriage by intrusion